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SUBJ: GENEVA GROUP - WORKING PARTY ON LONG TERM PLANNING

1. WORKING PARTY, FRANCE (CHAIRMAN), FRG, CANADA, US AND AUSTRALIA, MET WITH JIU INSPECTOR MAURICE BERTRAND TO HEAR EXPOSITION OF HIS NEW REPORT (JIU/REP/74/1) ENTITLED "REPORT ON MEDIUM TERM PLANNING IN THE UN SYSTEM" (COPIES SENT ALLEN, IO, UN/COR). OWING LENGTH AND THOROUGHNESS OF BERTRAND'S PRESENTATION, TWO HOURS, THERE WAS NOT ADEQUATE TIME FOR QUESTIONS FROM WORKING PARTY MEMBERS ALL OF WHOM, HOWEVER, APPEARED DEEPLY IMPRESSED WITH COMPREHENSION AND LOGIC OF STUDY.

2. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY FROM MISSION OFFICER, BERTRAND STATED THAT IN HIS OPINION BEST STARTING POINT FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF HIS RECOMMENDATIONS WOULD BE FOR GENEVA GROUP AND LIKE THINKING GOVERNMENTS TO PRESS HARD FOR PROGRESS IN HARMONIZATION OF PROGRAM BUDGETS THROUGH PRINCIPAL AGENCIES AND UN. HE NOTED THAT SOME MOVEMENT IN THAT DIRECTION ALREADY UNDER WAY ON THE BASIS OF THE REGULAR MEETINGS OF AGENCY PROGRAM PLANNING OFFICERS PURSUANT TO THE ACC DECISION OF A YEAR AGO AND WITH THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF A DECISION OF THE 55TH ECOSOC.

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3. HE ADDED THAT OTHER THAN HARMONIZATION OF PROGRAM

BUDGETS THE MOST APPROPRIATE STARTING POINT AND THE KEY
ELEMENT OF HIS OVERALL PROPOSAL WAS CONTAINED
WITHIN THE THIRD RECOMMENDATION OF HIS REPORT, NAMELY
A DECISION ON WHAT SHOULD CONSTITUTE THE BASIC COMPONENTS AND
IMPLICATIONS (OR DEFINITIONS) OF MEDIUM TERM PLANS.

4. WORKING PARTY MEMBERS AGREED MEET AGAIN WITH BERTRAND
FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION PROBABLY IN EARLY MAY BY WHICH TIME
IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO DISCUSS THE REPORT WITH SOME
INDICATION OF THE VIEWPOINTS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS.
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